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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 13 February 1954, the sheds in the garage installation southeast of the railroad station in Bruck/Leitha (P 49/X 77) stored 18 armored vehicles. Two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia left the garage installation toward the forest camp. Jeep driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, departed from the low building east of the garage installation. One lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, truck and jeep each driven by a soldier wearing black-bordered red epaulets, were observed at the forest camp, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Three majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets, some soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia entered or left the new komendatura, which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Sedan driven by a soldier wearing black-bordered red epaulets, was parked in front of the komendatura.

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2. Motor vehicles stored in the repair shop and garages at 109-111 Trost Strasse in Vienna on 17 February 1954 included two T-34 tanks which were identified by their turrets and tank guns, three trucks and several motor vehicles with special-purpose superstructures. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets constructed a shed-roof, about 30 meters long and about 10 meters wide, along the wall on Trost Strasse. Other soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets unloaded coal from truck driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Eight ZIS-3 76-mm field guns were observed in the garages at the water tower on Windten Strasse.

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3. On 12 February 1954, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and jeep driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the Trost Kaserne in Vienna, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets loaded coal from trucks. Eight tank trucks were stored under two shed roofs on the drill ground of the Trost Kaserne. About 150 soldiers on the drill ground received training with rifles, machine guns and submachine guns. Three soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets received instruction by an officer at an ZIS-3 76-mm field guns. Truck driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets and loaded with apparently empty infantry ammunition boxes, left the ground. Six ZIS-3 76-mm field guns

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and trucks [redacted] were in the garages at the water tower on Windten Strasse, which were guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 30 motor vehicles of various models including truck [redacted] were in the garages on Pernerstorfer Gasse, which were guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 2

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4. On 13 February 1954, 12 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, who included a captain as ranking officer, walked from the Moedling (O 49/X 37) railroad station to the former Federal Trade School, which was entered by 37 other officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including one lieutenant colonel prior to 8 a.m. About 95 percent of officers and soldiers observed at this school after 8 a.m. wore red-bordered black epaulets. Some had tank and artillery insignia. Five percent wore black-bordered red, black-bordered black, and blue-bordered black, epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted] observed at the installation included trucks [redacted]

[redacted] sedan [redacted] and jeep [redacted] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets; trucks [redacted] jeep [redacted] and truck [redacted] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Eight trucks [redacted] were in the former motor-vehicle and aircraft engine factory on Gabrieler Strasse, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Three soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets entered the Hyrtl Orphanage. Truck [redacted] and jeep [redacted] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were parked at this installation. 3

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1. [redacted] Comment. The 15th (Gds?) Tank Regt of the 13th Gds Mech Div is carried in Bruck/Leitha [redacted] the 18 armored vehicles observed in the garage installation southeast of the railroad station belong to this regiment. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. The repair shop and garages at 109-111 Trost Strasse were apparently taken over by the 44th Gds Mech Regt. The bulk of this regiment is quartered in the Trost Kaserne, while elements of its artillery battalion are quartered in the garages at the water tower on Windten Strasse. [redacted] the garages on Pernerstorfer Gasse are also used by this regiment. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] at the former Federal Trade School, about half of the vehicles belonged to the 13th Gds Mech Div and the other half to the central group of troops. One motor vehicle belonged to the Air Force and another belonged to the 23d AAA Div. [redacted]

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